

"THAT LITTLE 'NIGGER' BOY I USED TO OWN."

While our people object to the use of the term, "nigger," still the sentiment contained in these lines written by Mr. Howell C. Featherston, overbalances the objection and we note with pleasure the heartfelt love felt for "That happy smiling boy I used to own." The father of the author is now a member of the Virginia Legislature from Campbell Co.]

I have met a heap of people, and I've had a heap of chums—
Good fellows, just as good as ever known!
But I've never seen a better, nor a truer, kinder friend
Than that little 'nigger' boy I used to own.

His hide was black as charcoal, and his heart was just as warm;
He wasn't a great philosopher, but never thought no harm;
And tho' to flatter childhood mankind is a faine heart,
I love the recollections of that boy I used to own.

There are lots of pickaninnies 'round my old plantation home.
But Alice, he belonged to me alone.
He could outrun all the others, and he'd fight an' lie for me.
And I loved that nigger boy I used to own.

His head was round and nappy and his eyes were big and white;
His mouth was quite capacious, and it let in lots of light.
But, tho' he wasn't a beauty, nor a place for style and tone,
The love was true and honest of that boy I used to own.

We were playmates altogether, tho' I was kind of king.
But I never put myself up on a throne:
And I told tales in the hoghouse and I waded in the branch,
With that little 'nigger' boy I used to own.

It's true we'd get to fightin', and I'd lick 'im, 'im, 'im, 'im;
But this was rather seldom, for they generally were good;
And I'd swap 'em off my dinner for an ashen and a bone.
And I'd take my midday repast with that boy I used to own.

And then I grew up bigger and I used to ride to school,
Through meadows, where the rice and cane were sown;
And he'd take my horse at even, and he'd love to see me come,
That happy, smilin' boy I used to own.

He would steal watermelons, but no one did'st mind;
They knew he couldn't help it; 'twas the nature of his kind;
And when in gaudy brilliance the autumn full moon shone,
I'd hunt the cunning 'possum, with that boy I used to own.

But my schoolin' wasn't finished, for before I was sixteen,
The trumpet call to war was loudly blown;
And I volunteered by service and I hastened to the front,
And was followed by that boy I used to own.

He would get scared in battle, and, dam' 'im, now he'd run!
But he'd always find the comp'ny when the soldier's work was done;
An' he'd steal good rations for me, tho' from whence I've never known.
And I've oft' been saved my supper by the boy I used to own.

The war was long and bitter, but his ardor never flagged;
He kept the oath to follow me he'd sworn;
An' when it was all over, I brought him home again.
That shiny, grinnin' boy I used to own.

He would lie 'bout the battles, an' he swore he'd fought 'em all;
He said he'd killed some sixteen men, he knew he'd seen 'em fall;
But he took a fatal fever, which no skill could check nor tone,
And I nursed him like a brother then, that boy I used to own.

But soon it was all over, and we laid him in his grave.
No truer friend I've ever had to mourn;
And I raised a granite monument to mark the place we laid
That loving faithful boy I used to own.

He had his small shortcomings, and they may be counted sin;
But Saint Peter knows a 'nigger', and he'll make excuse for him!
And if, in God's great goodness, I shall view sweet heaven's throne,
I know I'll see that smilin' face, that boy I used to own.

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Work of the Samaritans.

A few days ago the Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria held a very impressive meeting. Every one present offered a few words of encouragement. A number of hymns were sung and fervent prayers were offered for the good of the order and the unconverted. The following committee was appointed to surprise the family of the late C. W. Harris: Mesdames Frances Goode, Elvira Bundy, Mary B. Graham and Harriet Witt; Messrs. Robert Taylor, Wm. Jones, Andrew Pettis, Prof. J. H. Blackwell, W. H. Hatcher and John Baker, chairman.

We are glad to say, this committee met with much success. The committee presented the family with several bundles and about ten dollars in money. Mr. Baker, Prof. Blackwell and Mr. W. H. Hatcher impressed Mrs. Harris very much with their entreaties for her to accept Christ. A very touching hymn was sung by Mr. Baker and a touching prayer was offered by Deacon Morris Goode.

We hope that God will bless the Samaritans in their liberality and crown their efforts with success. We will say to the chairman and the committee, "You deserve much praise for your good work."

On last Monday night, Robinson Lodge, No. 114, I. O. of G. S., celebrated their 27th anniversary by a grand annual supper given at the Samaritans Hall, Manchester, Va. The supper was indeed a grand affair and every one present enjoyed themselves.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Q. W. Moon, Mrs. J. P. Harris, Mrs. Wm. Howell, Mrs. Lewis Goode, Mrs. M. J. Washington, Mrs. J. F. Bundy, Miss Martha Coles, Messrs. Adam Harris, Robert White and many others.

Messrs. S. H. Johnson, John F. Bundy, R. H. Taylor, Ernest Taylor, Lewis Goode, James E. Hight and Walter Finney composed the committee to whom much praise is due for their style and good taste in arranging such a delightful feast.

A Southern Jamboree.

We have just received from the publishers a copy of this most unique musical composition. It is certainly one of the most catchy and attractive pieces of music that we ever heard. It is almost impossible to keep your feet still while it is being played, and it makes as big a hit as "Queer Old Camp Meeting."

A sufficient guarantee of its merit is the fact that it is from the pen of Mr. J. W. Lerman, the composer of the now famous "Kaya Kaya Dance."

The regular price of this music is 50c per copy, but if our readers will be sure to mention the name of this paper they can secure a copy by sending 25c to the Union Mutual Music Co., 20 E. 14th St., New York.

PARSON-PATTERSON—The marriage of Miss Margaret L. Patterson of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Geo. W. Parson of Philadelphia took place in that city on the 27th inst. Miss Patterson is well known here and highly esteemed by all who know her.

Delightful Tea.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2, 1900.
Mrs. G. B. W. Kelly, of 63 Chapel St., Norfolk, Va., gave a very delightful tea at her home Dec. 28th in honor of her brother, Mr. O. P. Williams, of Flushing, N. Y., who spent the Xmas holidays with her. Among those present were Mrs. M. E. Tyler, Miss Bettie Jackson, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, and Mr. F. Smyth, of Norfolk.

DR. GRAHAM REMEMBERED.

On New Year's Night His Store Room Was Filled with Good Things.

Another year, my dear brother has closed leaving us with a realization of many things which we should have done. You too are now entering upon a new year with so many responsibilities before you. I feel, that with the graces of God upon you, He will give you strength to equal them all. You have served us faithfully for the past seven years, overcoming many obstacles in the pathway of our noble old church. Thanks to be to God they have been trodden down and we begin the new year with a brighter prospect. We tender to you a simple little gift, small in value, but just a loving reminder of the occasion. Our president being so feeble in health has given us all. She has been a noble worker, always ready to aid in all of your good work and may the new year bring to her renewed strength, as well as to you and your dear family, is the sincere wish of each of us.

Yours faithfully,

MACDONALD CLUB,
Mrs. Isabelle Willerson, Pres.
Miss Bertha Williams, Secy.

WEST END NOTES.

Excellent Services In Our Churches.

All of our churches closed the New Year with great success. Very little dissension and great work accomplished. Many added to the fold with great spiritual influence in this section.

The River View Baptist Church built a new house of worship and have increased her membership and congregation largely and added much to her financial income. Their last communion on the 4th Sunday in December was crowned with abundant grace and the people are moving forward most happily.

The First Church is making progress. She has done wonderful work, but a brighter and grander future awaits to crown her noblest efforts.

The Second Baptist Church has added to her already noble record. All the pastors, deacons, trustees and other officials of the several departments of the various churches have made noble records for themselves in their faithful labors to build for Christ.

Some of our Sunday Schools have given their children most cordial and solid remembrance, and the little ones are inspired to enter the New Year's work with greater courage and zeal. May Christ lead the way.

MARRIAGES OF THE SEASON.

The marriage of Miss Alice Seiden to Mr. Charles Jackson took place on December 20th at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mead Seiden in Harvey town.

The marriage of Miss F. O. Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas, near Middleton Mills, Fluvanna Co., to Mr. Joshua Smith of this city took place during the holidays at the bride's residence. Rev. Samuel Harris officiated. Mr. Smith and bride are at home No. 101 W. Green St.

A holiday party took place Tuesday, December 26th at Windsor Castle, Goodland Co., at the home of Mr. Thomas Lee Edmonds.

At 12 o'clock sharp all made the Grand March to a most appetizing and richly laden table, one's eyes need to look upon.

Among the guests present from Richmond were Rev. and Mrs. John E. West, Miss M. J. Taylor, J. E. Lawrence, Sarah L. Carter, L. E. Cox, Messrs. Thomas L. Edmonds, host; Wm. E. Dandridge, Wm. H. Carter, John and Malcolm Guarrant and others. Goodland Co., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guarrant, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hopkins, Mrs. Matilda Ellis, Mrs. Philip Robinson, Mrs. Bettie Boyd, Mrs. Elvira Pleasant, Misses Fannie, Alice and Bertha Hopkins, Miss Lucy Cottrell, Messrs. Edgar Guarrant, John Randolph, J. H. Johnson. The 11 o'clock breakfast was fit for the Queen and the 2 o'clock lunch was fine.

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Xmas Dinner Party.

There was a beautiful dinner party given Christmas evening by Misses Belle Jordan, Mary E. Harris and Mr. Jefferson D. Trueheart at their residence on West Franklin St.

Covers were laid for about twenty three persons. The menu included all the delicacies of the season and every one spent a very enjoyable evening. The following named persons were present:

Misses Maria Hackett, Bettie King, Mattie Holmes, Lelia Sheperdon, Mattie Hundley, Mary Hampton and Miss Grey; Messrs. Lewis Adams, Preston Jones, Marion Carter, London Dabney, Lewis Collins, Wm. Harris, James Branch, Schaffer Clark, Gus Banks, A. L. Johnson, George Jeffries, Mr. Irving and Mr. C. Bedford.

PRIEST CARRIED HIM.

Father Murphy Carries an Injured Negro on His Back Seven Blocks to Secure Medical Aid.

John Mahood, a Negro painter, while at work on a building in New York city, fell from a scaffold three stories to the ground. He broke his arm and two ribs and was injured internally. A crowd gathered as he lay on the ground, unable to move, but no one sent for an ambulance and no policeman appeared in sight.

After Mahood had been lying there for ten minutes, Father William Murphy of the Church of St. Peter and St. John came along. He rebuked the crowd for dilatoriness in calling an ambulance and then tried to find a policeman. When he was unable to do so, he took Mahood on his shoulders and carried him seven blocks to a drug store, where he sent a call for an ambulance to Fordham hospital.

Passed Away.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 18, 99.
Sunday, Dec. 3rd, was a day that will long be remembered in the minds of those who turned out at Allen's Chapel to pay the last tribute of respect to their friend and classmate, Rosa B. Reid, the daughter of the late Patrick

Reid of Lynchburg, Va., who died Nov. 30th, after an illness of nine weeks, in her 17th year.

Rev. Dr. Palmer of the Allen's A. M. E. Chapel officiated at the service. His text was "One is not dead but sleeping." He spoke of the life and character of the young woman, her patience in sickness and that unshaken faith which she showed even unto the end and standing at the head of her class in the Institute for Colored Youth of which the choir of 40 girls was made up. As the corpse was being borne to the altar the choir sang, "I am coming to the cross."

The floral designs were numerous and beautiful. Among them were a pillow of roses from Allen's Chapel Sunday School; a wreath of 17 roses from her brothers and sisters; Mr. and Mrs. James Ward, an anchor; Mr. Miller's autumn leaves and roses; Miss Mary B. Hatcher, a harp and out flow; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hatcher, pink roses; Ex-Dist. Attorney Graham and roses; Ex-Dist. Attorney Graham and roses; gates ajar; W. M. Thompson, cut flowers; Mrs. Lizette Therman, wreath of cut flowers; Young Ladies from Bryn Mawr College, a harp; W. B. Primm the setting sun; Miss Nettie Bawyer, carnations and roses.

The pall bearers were James Parker, George Alexander, Joseph Garrett, Walter Gordon, Andrew Coles, Burdett Brown. Theasket was white, lined with white satin, with six silver mounted handles. Mrs. Addison Forster, the popular undertaker, had charge of the funeral. She leaves four brothers, three sisters and a mother to mourn their loss.

RICHMOND SPARKLES.

There was a grand supper Dec. 29th, given by the little Independent Club of the west end at Johnson's Hall. Carriages brought the little fellows and their sweethearts to the hall. The magnificent parlors were thronged with boys and girls dressed very fashionably. Among them were Misses Wilbur and Owens. Refreshments were served at 2 A. M.

Messrs. James Bailey of Orange, N. J., Robert Davis of Newport News, Va., and Garrison White of Hot Springs, Va., were in the city.

I wonder will that fellow get his girl back again, Mr. Bailey has gone!" Well, I don't know. He wants her to apologize. "He does! Well, I feel sorry for him. She'll never think of such. It's all over with him now."

Why don't some girls receive Christmas presents? They claim they have winning ways. "Yes, that's the trouble, those ways are meant for too many. A fellow never knows when he is best."

It's a sure fact the girls on 13th St. love doll babies. One says she has been playing with dolls for seventeen years.

Mrs. A. Ballot is now living at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Smith, 805 N. 1st St.

Members of the Richmond Athletic Club must be present at a meeting this Thursday night, or else forfeit their membership. Signed by President, Staff and Committee.

Great many people of Jackson Ward lost their chickens week before last. Mr. Andrew Smith lost nine hens and Mrs. Sarah L. Carter, L. E. Cox, lost three persons. The men included all the delicacies of the season and every one spent a very enjoyable evening. The following named persons were present:

Misses Maria Hackett, Bettie King, Mattie Holmes, Lelia Sheperdon, Mattie Hundley, Mary Hampton and Miss Grey; Messrs. Lewis Adams, Preston Jones, Marion Carter, London Dabney, Lewis Collins, Wm. Harris, James Branch, Schaffer Clark, Gus Banks, A. L. Johnson, George Jeffries, Mr. Irving and Mr. C. Bedford.

A good many boys from the V. N. C. I. of Petersburg spent their Christmas in Richmond.

Miss Lillian Moore and Carrie B. Smith, teachers in New Kent County, came home Christmas and returned last Monday to their schools.

Mr. Charles Russell is home from the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, after a term of six years.

There were a good many entertainments given on Church Hill during the holidays. The boys kept lively; but were too disorderly for the occasion. Fireworks could be seen and heard in all directions.

The Florida ballmen and waiters expects to leave Jan. 15th.

The boys from the Sea shores and mountains spent the Christmas here after having a large season away.

Young boys stop playing pool in 1900 make a new rule, for in a length of time it will turn you a fool. Then you can see the east of pool.

Church Notice.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Monroe and Catherine streets, Rev. W. E. Partee, D. D., pastor; Mrs. Olivia C. Bolden, organist.

Prayer, 11 A. M., and 8 P. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M., Dr. P. B. Ramsey, superintendent.

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to attend any and all of these services. Oct-21-1900

COLORED MAN HUNG.

For Murder of W. M. Jolly In Dinwiddie.

HE GIVES ADVICE ON THE GALLOWS.

He Claimed Self-Defense.

PETERSBURG, Va., January 2.—Jolly Robinson (colored) was hanged in the jail-yard at Dinwiddie court house today for the murder, on the 31st of October last, of Mr. W. M. Jolly, a prominent merchant and citizen of the county. Robinson was arrested on the day after the crime, and was sent to the jail in this city, as a measure of safety, the feeling in the county being very strong against him. Mr. Jolly, who was shot through the abdomen by Robinson, died on the following day, after being put on the train to be brought to the home for the Sick in this city for treatment.

Robinson was brought to trial at the November term of the County Court of Dinwiddie, Judge B. J. Epps presiding. The evidence against him was brief and positive, the jury were out only fifteen minutes, and a verdict of murder in the first degree was rendered. The Court sentenced him to be hanged on January 2nd, and this sentence was carried into execution today. The prisoner, after sentence, was immediately brought back to the jail in this city to be kept until today. During his confinement here he made a good prisoner, giving no trouble whatever, nor any cause for complaint. He was allowed to see his friends at all times, and had the benefit of constant spiritual advice. The Rev. Farwell, a colored pastor of the city, was with him and administered to him as all times.

He was taken from the jail to the county court-house this morning by Sheriff Young. Before leaving he shook hands with the officers of the jail, wished them all well, and bade them a cheerful good-bye. Coffin was placed upon his wrists, and in his hand a Bible. A large number of colored people assembled at the depot to see him off, but no signs of feeling were shown.

The execution was very quiet. The scaffold had been erected in the jail-yard, and a high fence built around it to exclude the public view. Many people had assembled at the court-house, through curiosity, but everything was orderly. Only a limited number of persons were admitted to witness the execution.

Robinson, accompanied by his spiritual adviser, and Deputy-Sheriff Boisson and Fisher, who adjusted the sap and rope, ascended the scaffold without fear or the tremor of a muscle, as far as could be observed. His firmness was remarkable, and from the appearance of his features, one might have judged that he was going to a scene of pleasure, instead of death.

After prayer by the Rev. Farwell Robinson made a few remarks to those around him, more in the nature of advice than otherwise. He advised all men, and young men, especially, against strong drink and its evil consequences. He warned them against carrying pistols. "If you have pistols," said he, "leave them at home; if you have not, it is better to leave them in the stores." It was probably strong drink that got Robinson into his trouble, and it was his pistol that killed his victim. Other advice of like character he gave.

All arrangements having been completed, the trap was sprung at 11:07 A. M. Three ropes connected with the trigger were simultaneously pulled from the jail by the Sheriff and his deputies. The body shot down, and remained almost stationary—very little twitching or contraction being observed. In eight minutes the attending physician, Dr. Briggs, pronounced the man dead. Fifteen minutes, however, were allowed to elapse before the body was cut down. The neck was broken by the fall, and death was easy.

The body, which was subsequently viewed by the crowd of people present, was not claimed by any one, and will, therefore, be shipped to a medical college in Richmond.

Robinson leaves a wife in North Carolina, and a mother and other relatives in Dinwiddie county. None of them came near him during his confinement in jail, and when asked if he wished to see any of them answered with an emphatic "No."

Robinson was 21 years old and came to Dinwiddie county from North Carolina to work as a laborer on the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad. He, with others, had been several times warned by Mr. Jolly against travelling across his farm.

On the night of the fatal shooting Mr. Jolly found Robinson near his house, and ordered him to leave. This the colored man refused to do, and his language and conduct were such that Mr. Jolly went towards him to enforce his order. Thereupon Robinson drew his pistol, shot Mr. Jolly down, and then left the farm.

Robinson claimed that he shot Mr. Jolly to save his own life; that Mr. Jolly pursued him with a drawn knife, and that he acted in self-defence, and any other man would have done while there were witnesses to the shooting, none of them appeared in court to testify to these claims of self-defence.

Pastor Remembered.
MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHESTERFIELD CO., VA., Dec. 27, '99
Rev. Nelson B. Brown.

Dear Pastor:—It is with great pleasure and satisfaction to me, as well as for the gratification of a large number of members to present these gifts to you: namely, one suit of clothes, one shirt, one neck tie, one collar and one pair of shoes, and a purse, containing a sum. And also hope that you may see in the example of these members the beauty of unflinching friendship. We, as members have journeyed through life in the church with you for more than five years.

We look back over the past, and contemplate with satisfaction the good you have done us. During your stay with us you have preached and talked and worked for the glory of God, and the elevation and comfort of your fellow men, and it has been the earnest effort of your members to present to you these presents as a token of their love and esteem. And may we all with you, dear pastor, solve that our end will be full of joy and peace. And we press onward for, beyond the Alps lies Italy, and beyond this dim world lies heaven.

The following is a list of the committee: Sister Phoebe Alexander, Lavinia Gross, Margaret E. Ford, secretary.

MANY THANKS.
Since I cannot express my thanks and gratitude to you, the honored committee, nor the members you represent, I therefore commend you to God, assuring you through His help, I shall ever be found ready to help you in all your good work, and, morally, intellectually, religiously, or any other way that will be helpful and uplifting.

May the blessings of God rest upon the church and visit it, wishing you all a happy New Year,
N. B. Brown.

Pastor of Mt. Olive Bap. Church.

A Surprise.

On Tuesday night, January 2nd, Miss M. Frances Epps was utterly surprised at her residence, 740 North 3rd St., when at 9:30, a large gathering of gentlemen and ladies presented her with a bountiful purse, groceries and refreshments. Miss Epps has been sick for two months and her many intimate friends made her heart glad by their kindness and generosity. May God bless them.

Planet Court, 137, meets, Friday, January 12th at 4 P. M. All members are requested to be present, as it is the installation of new officers.

Grand Social Event.

On last Tuesday night, Price's Hall was the scene of the first Grand Social of the Century Social Club. The hall was filled at an early hour with charming young ladies and gallant men who "tripped" well at the sound of the music. Later, the Grand march was played and all were ushered into the spacious dining hall, where a sumptuous repast was served.

After all were in, the master of ceremonies, Mr. John Brown, introduced the President, Mr. R. Jefferson Kyles who delivered the welcome address. He was followed in excellent addresses by representatives of the various clubs. It was the wee sma hours of morning when all left for homes.

A Creditable Enterpriser.

Messrs. J. A. & C. J. Cooke have just secured a magnificent bridal carriage. It is richly upholstered, brand new and thoroughly up to date in every respect. They have also a new funeral director's wagon. It is a handsome affair and we examined it thoroughly as the handsome outfit stood in front of the PLANET Office.

Leigh St. M. E. Church Service.

There will be services at the Leigh M. E. Church Sunday, Jan. 7, 1900, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. At 8 p. m., preaching by the pastor, the Rev. J. Edward Guibby, A. M., E. D., at which time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered and the reception of members. All are welcome.

Union! Union!

The Installation Exercises of the Sunday School Union will take place at the E. near Church on Sunday, January 6th, at 8:30 P. M. A special programme has been prepared and all will be benefited.

R. H. Thurston, Pres.

A. BRUNSWICK, Cor. Sec'y.

Mrs. Sarah E. Johnson, nee Canaday of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Shapard of 34 West Jackson St., where she will be pleased to see her friends.

PYTHIAN NOTES.

Richmond Lodge, No. 1, met on Monday night, Jan. 1, 1900, at Masonic Temple. The attendance was slim. The Grand Chancellor was present and presided. The officers however from some cause were not installed.

Planet Lodge, No. 23, met on Monday night, Jan. 1, 1900. The attendance was slim, but much business was transacted. The Grand Chancellor assisted by Sir James L. Thompson, of Old Dominion Lodge, No. 3, who acted as Grand Master-at-Arms and Sir S. S. Baker of Macro Lodge, No. 35, who acted as Grand Prelate, installed the officers for the ensuing term.

The attendance at all of the lodge meetings this week, thus far, has been very slim which is doubtless due to the extreme cold weather, as well as the holidays.

Sir C. C. Williams, of Planet Lodge, 23, is confined on account of sickness, at his residence, 712 Preston St.

Sir Thomas F. Paige, K. of R. and S., of Bruce Lodge, 31, of Berkley, Va., was in the city last week on business of importance.

Virginia Lodge, No. 6, and Sampson Lodge, No. 16, will meet on next Monday night at Price's and Johnson's Hall respectively.

Sir E. K. Page left Richmond yesterday, Jan. 2, 1900, for Youngstown, O., to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. A. C. Page.

Unity Lodge met on the 22nd ult., with a full attendance. Much business was transacted. Officers elected for ensuing term: John R. Harner, C. C.; A. C. Johnson, V. C.; Leroy Brown, Prelate; John A. Jackson, K. of R. and S.; Fletcher Johnson, M. of F.; Burwell Jackson, M. at A.; A. W. G. Farrar, M. of W.; W. Van Jackson, Grand Representative; W. Van Jackson, six months' trustee.

Unity Lodge meets again Friday night, January 12th at 8 P. M. As this is the first meeting in the year we hope to have a good attendance. We will install our newly elected officers. Come early so we can leave early.

Unity Court, 132 held its monthly meeting, Dec. 21, at 4 P. M. A great deal of business was transacted. It was a quiet and loving meeting. The following officers were elected: J. W. Robinson, W. C.; Charlotte Brightwell, W. I.; Mattie Campbell, W. I. Inspector; Maggie Woodson, W. S. D.; Jeannette Jackson, W. J. D.; Elizabeth Robinson, W. O.; M. E. Brown, W. I. of D.; Pearl Waddell, W. R. of A.; Matilda Hall, W. R. of D.; Plummer Dabney, W. E.; Maria Jones, W. O.; Agnes Gray, W. A. S. O.; Thomas J. Blackwell, W. H.; Maria Evans, W. P.

LOST—On Friday night, December 22, 1899, from 307 W. Clay Street, to Adam, on the right side of Brook Ave., going towards Broad St., a lady's neck fur of tan, with 4 dark brown tails, 2 small heads and 4 little paws. Reward of \$5.00 will be given to the finder, if brought to 307 W. Clay St., city.